

Comments on the Sunrise Powerlink Project

Global climate change is one symptom of the damage to planet earth caused by human activities. The health of our planet and therefore the health of the human race is harmed by all of the following:

1. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
2. Loss of Vegetation
3. Loss of Biodiversity
4. Loss of "Wilderness/Nature" Experience
5. Reliance on Fossil Fuels

According to the draft EIR/EIS for the Sunrise Powerlink project it contributes to all five of these environmental damages.

Smarter Energy policies would focus on these approaches, among others:

1. Using less energy (copy European nations)
2. Use more efficient appliances
3. Demand balancing (to reduce peak demands)
4. Local generation (e.g. roof solar panels)

The recent update to the California Energy Action Plan is clearly in more accord with these smarter approaches than with the Sunrise Powerlink and similar projects.

Based on these considerations I would strongly recommend the rejection of the Sunrise Powerlink Project and would ask the Commission to change the profit calculations for public utilities to reflect the objectives of the Energy Action Plan.

I address the following question to the Commission:

Has the CPUC considered American cities like Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon as models for forward looking Energy Policies, including some tested solutions?

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